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NEWS RELEASE

**Turkeys Raised
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2005 North Dakota Turkey Production

North Dakota

Turkeys raised in North Dakota during 2005 totaled 1.10 million birds compared with 1.00 million in 2004, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. This is up 10 percent from the turkeys raised in 2004.

As of December 2005, producers intend to raise 1.10 million turkeys in 2006. This is the same number of birds raised in 2005. The number of turkeys raised in 2006 may vary from growers' intentions. Actual production depends on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

United States

Turkeys raised in the United States during 2005 totaled 256 million birds, down 3 percent from the 263 million raised in 2004. Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 44.5 million, followed by North Carolina with 36.0 million, Arkansas with 29.0 million, Virginia with 21.0 million, Missouri with 20.5 million, California with 14.9 million, and Indiana with 13.4 million. These States accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2005.

Turkey growers in 23 states intend to increase the number of birds raised by 4 percent in 2006. These states produced over 99% of the turkeys raised in 2005. Intentions for the top seven producing States compared with 2005 are as follows: Minnesota down 2 percent, North Carolina up 6 percent, Arkansas up 7 percent, Virginia up 7 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, California down 1 percent, and Indiana up 4 percent.

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Turkeys: Number Raised in 2004 and 2005 ^{1/}

State	Number		2005 as % of 2004
	2004	2005	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	28,500	29,000	102
CA	15,700	14,900	95
CT ²	5		
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,300	13,400	101
IA	9,000	9,600	107
MD	750	800	107
MA	70	57	81
MI	5,000	4,700	94
MN	45,500	44,500	98
MO	21,500	20,500	95
NH ²	4		
NJ	37	37	100
NY	580	620	107
NC	39,000	36,000	92
ND	1,000	1,100	110
OH	5,800	5,700	98
PA	12,000	11,500	96
SC	12,000	8,000	67
SD	4,500	4,600	102
VT	52	56	108
VA	19,700	21,000	107
WV	3,200	2,400	75
Oth Sts ^{2 3}	23,109	24,900	108
US	263,207	256,270	97

¹ Revised.

² Estimates for CT, DE, NH, and OR discontinued in 2005.

³ CO, KS, NE, OK, TX, UT, and WI combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**Turkeys: Number Raised in 2005 and Intentions for 2006
Selected States and 23 State Total**

State	Number		2006 as % of 2005
	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>
AR	29,000	31,000	107
CA	14,900	14,700	99
IL	2,900	2,900	100
IN	13,400	14,000	104
IA	9,600	10,000	104
MI	4,700	4,700	100
MN	44,500	43,500	98
MO	20,500	21,500	105
NC	36,000	38,000	106
ND	1,100	1,100	100
OH	5,700	5,700	100
PA	11,500	11,500	100
SC	8,000	10,000	125
SD	4,600	4,900	107
VA	21,000	22,500	107
WV	2,400	2,800	117
Oth Sts ¹	24,900	26,700	107
23 State Total	254,700	265,500	104

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